

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri K.V.R.R. Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality and presently working as Municipal Commissioner Grade-I, O/o. DMA, AP, on the allegation of misappropriation of funds in Sangareddy Municipality under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Imposition of a major penalty of RTSP (Reduction in Time Scale of Pay) by two stages - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.919

Dated:25.11.2024.

Read the following:

1. From Principal Secretary to Govt., MA&UD Dept., Telangana Secretariat, Government of Telangana, Letter No.7626/Vig.I(2)/2015, dt.15.09.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No 793, MA&UD(Vig.II-2) Department, dt. 18.12.2015 (suspension).
3. G.O.Rt.No 794, MA&UD(Vig.II-2) Department, dt. 18.12.2015 (Charge Memo.).
4. From Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, formerly Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality, Written Statement of defense, dt:08.01.2016.
5. G.O.Rt.No.420, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II.2) Department, dt:04.07.2016.
6. G.O.Rt.No.651, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II) Department, dated.15.09.2017
7. G.O.Rt.No.114 MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.02.2020.
8. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in W.P.5285/2023, dated 03.03.2023. (original orders received on 12.07.2023)
9. Govt. Memo.No.58141/2015/Vig.II/A1(E-2057708), Dated:01.05.2023 addressed to the GP for Ser.IV, APHC. High Court.
10. From Sri Ch.Naga Narasimha Rao, Enquiry Officer & Addl. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Kakinada, through Letter Roc.No.1/2013, dated 20.06.2023 (Inquiry Report).
11. Govt. Memo.No.58141/2015/Vig.II/A1(E-253119), dt:24.07.2023.
12. From Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality and presently working as MC Gr.I, O/o Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Written representation, dt:19.08.2023.
13. Govt. Letter No.58141/Vig.II/2015/A2(E-253119), dated 30.10.2023.
14. From the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, Letter No. GAD03-APPS0DCC/108/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC (Computer No.2263689), dated 31.01.2024.

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In the letter 1st read above, while forwarding the necessary documents/ reports, the Principal Secretary to Government, M.A.&U.D. Department, Government of Telangana State requested the Government of A.P., to take disciplinary action against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality, Medak District, Telangana State, and presently working in Andhra Pradesh, on the allegation of misappropriation of Municipal funds in Sangareddy Municipality during the financial years 2008-2009 to 2012-2013.

2. After careful examination of the matter and considering the gravity of the case, issued orders in the G.O. 2nd read above, placing Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality, Medak District and now working at Narasapur Municipality, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh under suspension with immediate effect in terms of G.O.Ms.No.25, G.A. (Ser.C) Deartment, dated 03.02.2004.

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3. In the G.O., 3rd read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 by framing articles of charges against him, with a direction to submit his written statement of defense.
4. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer submitted his written statement of defence by denying all the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence, it has been decided to conduct regular inquiry and accordingly, issued orders in the G.O. 5th read above, appointing Sri R.Sambasiva Rao, Additional Director (MEPMA), as Enquiry Officer to inquire into charges framed against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner (U/s), Sangareddy Municipality.
5. In the G.O., 6th read above, orders were issued, revoking suspension of Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, former Municipal Commissioner, Narasapur Municipality, West Godavari District and reinstate him into service, without prejudice to disciplinary/ criminal case pending against him.
6. In the G.O., 7th read above, issued orders, appointing Sri Ch.Naga Narasimha Rao, Additional Commissioner, Kakinada, as an Inquiring Authority in place of Sri R.Sambasiva Rao, Addl. Mission Director, MEPMA, AP (Retired) to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.
7. In the meanwhile, the Charged Officer has filed W.P.No.5285/2023 seeking directions to conclude the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him vide G.O.Rt.No.794, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.II) Department, dated 18.12.2015. The Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in its orders, dated 03.03.2023 in W.P.No.5285/2023 directed to conclude the final disciplinary proceedings, within a period of two months from the date of orders. In the event, the same are not concluded within the stipulated time, the Charge Memo issued to the petitioner shall stand quashed.
8. Government have filed I.A. before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., seeking extension of time for 3 more months to conclude the disciplinary proceedings against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, presently working as M.C. Grade-I, O/o C&DMA and the said I.A. is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh.
9. In the reference 10th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report, stating that out of seven (7) Charges, six (6) Charges are held proved and one (1) charge is not proved.
10. Government have examined the Inquiry Report and accepted the findings of Inquiry Officer. In the Memo, 11th read above, a copy of inquiry report has been communicated to the charged officer Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality and presently working as Municipal Commissioner Grade.I, O/o C&DMA, AP, under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.
11. In the reference 12th read above, the charged officer Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, the then Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality and presently working as Municipal Commissioner Grade.I, O/o C&DMA, AP, has submitted his written representation, requesting to supply certain copies of documents, so as to submit his additional explanation to the Government and also requested to implement the orders

issued by Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in W.P. No.5285 of 2023 and issue necessary proceedings to drop the Charges against him.

12. The Government have examined the written representation of the charged officer, and it has been observed that it is the responsibility of the Charged Officer to go through all the documents before submission of his Written Statement of Defense. It is his duty to seek the documents, if any, before submission of Written Statement of Defense or to request the Inquiry Authority to provide documents, as per the annexures of the Charge Memo. Without doing so, after completion of inquiry, he sought for certain records, which is against to the provisions under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Hence, the request of the Charged Officer is not feasible for consideration at this juncture.

13. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government have provisionally decided to impose a major penalty of withholding (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, former Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality and presently working in the O/o Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Andhra Pradesh.

14. In the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, has been consulted on the Government's proposal. In the reference 14th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, has stated that the Commission opined that the Charged Officer has exhibited grave misconduct on multiple occasions and the charges have been proved. It is established that he lacks integrity therefore the punishment proposed should also be commensurate not only holding him accountable, but also as a deterrence. Therefore, it is recommended to impose punishment of RTSP by two stages and advised accordingly.

15. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government have decided to impose a major penalty of RTSP (Reduction in Time Scale of Pay) by two stages against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, former Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality and presently working as Municipal Commissioner Gr.I, in the O/o Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., under Rule-9 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, as he has exhibited grave misconduct on multiple occasions and the charges have been proved. It is established that he lacks integrity. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a major penalty of RTSP (Reduction in Time Scale of Pay) by two stages against Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, former Municipal Commissioner, Sangareddy Municipality and presently working as Municipal Commissioner Gr.I, in the O/o Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., under Rule-9 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

16. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K. KANNA BABU
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To

Sri K.V.R.R.Raju, former Municipal Commissioner,
Sangareddy Municipality and presently working as
Municipal Commissioner Gr.I,- through the Director of
Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram.

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The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram.

Copy to:

The Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Vijayawada.

The Principal Secretary to Govt., M.A. & U.D. Department,
Telangana Secretariat, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission,
5th Building, A.P. Secretariat.

The Government Pleader for Ser.IV, M.A. & U.D. Dept.,
High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.

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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.